



## **The California Logic Model – Highlights**

### ***Evidence-based rehabilitation for offender success***

The California Logic Model is a detailed, sequential description of how California will apply evidence-based principles and practices to effectively deliver a core set of effective rehabilitation programs. Research shows that to achieve positive outcomes, correctional agencies must provide rehabilitative programs to the right inmates, at the right time, and in a manner consistent with evidence-based programming design.

#### **Goal: Reduce Recidivism by Implementing the Principles of Effective Intervention:**

- Risk Principle: Target high-risk offenders.
- Need Principle: Treat risk factors associated with offending behavior.
- Treatment Principle: Employ evidence-based treatment approaches.
- Responsivity Principle: Tailor treatments to meet special needs.
- Fidelity Principle: Monitor implementation quality and treatment fidelity.

#### **The California Logic Model follows these eight steps:**

1. Assess High Risk.
2. Assess Needs.
3. Develop Behavior Management Plan.
4. Deliver Programs.
5. Measure Progress.
6. Prep for Re-entry.
7. Reintegrate.
8. Follow-Up.

#### **How California Logic Model works:**

Just as a physician uses the latest scientific tests to determine the cause of a patient's illness (blood tests, X-rays, CT Scans, etc.) and then prescribes a course of treatment (medications, physical therapy, diet, etc.), the California Logic Model is a systematic, science-based approach that helps diagnose an offender's rehabilitation needs and recommend evidence-based solutions. As a physician assigns treatment in a sequence (medication, surgery, exercise, follow-up), the California Logic Model assigns the right offender to the right program at the right time, for maximum effectiveness, and integrates follow-up and evaluation measures.

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### **Background:**

The Public Safety and Offender Rehabilitation Services Act of 2007 (Assembly Bill 900), signed into law by the Governor on May 3, 2007, is a major effort to reform California's prison system by reducing prison overcrowding and increasing rehabilitative programming. In June 2007, the Expert Panel on Adult Offender and Recidivism Reduction Programming (Expert Panel), recommended the California Logic Model as this state's approach to integrating evidence-based principles into its rehabilitation programming. The Governor's Rehabilitation Strike Team (RST) provided guidelines on how to implement the Expert Panel proposals.

### **Current status of California Logic Model implementation:**

Implementation of the California Logic Model is being phased in through the "proof project" which is testing California's newly designed rehabilitation programming in a demonstration site that includes a reception center, a prison, a reentry facility and a parole region. The "proof project" is being conducted at Deuel Vocational Institute (DVI) in Tracy (reception center); California State Prison, Solano; Northern California Reentry Facility (serving San Joaquin, Calaveras, and Amador counties); and Parole Region I (parole site serving parolees from San Joaquin, Calaveras, and Amador counties). Lessons learned from this project will inform and benefit the statewide rehabilitation programming implementation.

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